

1999). In Figure 2, AtJMT denotes JMT enzyme of *Arabidopsis thaliana* and SAMT (SEQ ID NO: 6) denotes salicylic acid methyltransferase of *Clarkia breweri*.

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[Please delete the paragraph on page 6, lines 4 to 8 and replace it with the following paragraph:]

Figure 3 (SEQ ID NOS 7-8) shows the structure of recombinant gene pGST-JMT for expression of *JMT* gene in the form of a fusion protein with glutathione *S*-transferase by inserting *JMT* gene into pGEX-2T as *E. coli* expression vector. In Figure 3, Ptac denotes tac promoter and the underline indicates the nucleotide and amino acid sequences of amino terminal of JMT constituting the fusion protein.

REMARKS

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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